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UPSTATE NEW YORK :

DUMP THE BODY IN THE RIVER AND WE CAN ALL GET BACK TO THE PARTY

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER, VON KREIST? MONSIGNOR PESARO SAID NOTHING COULD KILL VAMPIRELLA.

I SUPPOSE NOBODY ELSE TRIED A SUPER-VIRUS SO UNETHICAL EVEN THE CIA BALKED WHEN THEY READ THE LABEL.

IF AIDS HAD AN OLDER, SMARTER BROTHER...

...THIS WOULD BE IT.

MAKE SURE THE BODY IS PROPERLY WEIGHTED.

IF I FIND HER CORPSE FLOATING DOWN THE HUDSON RIVER TOMORROW MORNING, I WILL PERSONALLY VIOLATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU PRESENT HERE TONIGHT.

RELAX, SHE'LL GO DOWN EASIER THAN A TRANSEXUAL HOOKER ON THE NUTTY PROFESSOR HIMSELF. THIS IS THE LAST ANYONE WILL SEE OF VAMPIRELLA.

GANGSTERS, GOODFELLAS, WISEGUYS...

WHY DOES WHITE TRASH ALWAYS REVERT TO CINEMA STEREOTYPES WHEN THEY'RE GIVEN THEIR FIRST GUNS?

SOMEBODY TAKE ME TO VAMPIRE CENTRAL.

EN ROUTE TO VAMPIRE CENTRAL :

THEY SAY THE SUPER-VIRUS FEELS LIKE YOUR HEART IS PUMPING RAZOR BLADES AND YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS TURN TO SLUDGE WITHIN HOURS...

...TWO THINGS ARE CERTAIN, DIXIE: VAMPIRELLA DIED IN AGONY AND YOU'RE SPENDING ETERNITY IN THE HOTEL WE STOLE FROM YOUR FATHER AND CUSTOMIZED.

YOU'RE PIXIE'S NEW TOY NOW.

SAY IT, SISTER!

DAD WAS A GREASY WOP AND I'M GLAD I MADE HIM EAT THE MUZZLE OF VON KREIST'S AUTOMATIC.

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YOUR GUESTS ARE BEING ENTERTAINED BY YOUR WIVES DOWNSTAIRS IN THE COMPLEX'S CONFERENCE CHAMBER, MONSIGNOR PESARO.

PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

GENTLEMEN, WE'VE REPLACED THE NEW YORK MAFIA, ESTABLISHED OUR FIRST OFFICIAL BASE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND VAMPIRELLA IS LYING DEAD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HUDSON RIVER...

...LIFE'S GOOD.

WELCOME TO VAMPIRE CENTRAL.

WAKE UP WAKE UP WAKE UP

MONSIGNOR CODY, TEXAS.

MONSIGNOR HAYES, HEAD OF THE MIAMI BLOODLINE.

MONSIGNOR KLUTE FROM LOS ANGELES.

MONSIGNOR SHERATON, THE ORDER'S HIGHLY-RECOMMENDED NEW CHICAGO APPOINTMENT...

A GENUINE PLEASURE, GENTLEMEN.

THE COMPLEX SURE LOOKS IMPRESSIVE, PESARO. HELLUVA LOT MORE UP-MARKET THAN THE GRAVE-YARDS AND CRYPTS WE USED TO HANG OUT IN WHEN WE WERE KIDS, HUH?

THINGS SURE HAVE CHANGED IN NEW YORK.

MORE UP-MARKET, PERHAPS, BUT STILL APPLYING THE SAME BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CONVENIENCE AND SECURITY WE WERE TAUGHT WHEN WE WERE INITIATED.

LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND.

ONE OF THESE IN EVERY MAJOR CITY.

I CAN HARDLY WAIT.

BREAK THE CHAINS

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COME ON!

EACH GRAVE IS ALARMED WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART TRIP-BEAMS AND MONITORED TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE COMPLEX IS BASED IN THE HEART OF THE CITY AND PROVIDES ALL THE NECESSARY SECURITY ONE REQUIRES WHEN ONE ISN'T HUNTING.

OUR MULTI-GRAVE SYSTEM HERE, FOR EXAMPLE...

THIS FACILITY CAN HOUSE A *THOUSAND* VAMPIRES AT ANY ONE TIME.

WE ALL KNOW THE BENEFITS OF A GOOD DAY'S SLEEP.

WHAT ABOUT THE LOCALS? WE'RE BEING CRUCIFIED BACK IN CHICAGO BY THOSE ANIMALS. SOMETIMES LITERALLY.

HOW DO YOU STOP THE COPS PUTTING TOGETHER A LITTLE GANG OF *VAN HELSING* WANNABES?

SAME DEAL THE MAFIA ARRANGED TO PROTECT THEIR BUSINESS INTERESTS: LIMITED FREEDOM TO HUNT AND KILL PROVIDED WE STICK TO PREVIOUSLY-AGREED AREAS.

BLOOD MONEY, MY FRIEND. WE PAY THEM BLOOD MONEY.

VAMPIRELLA?

LILITH HAS A TASK FOR HER DAUGHTER

PROMISE TO UNDO THE HATE. ERASE MY BASTARD CHILDREN FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND FIND ME THE PEACE IN DEATH I COULD NEVER FIND IN LIFE.

NO VAMPIRE HAS THE RIGHT TO EXIST. THEY ARE SICK AND EVIL AND THEY HAVE SUCH TERRIBLE PLANS.

ERASE THEM, VAMPIRELLA.

MOTHER?

EASY, DIXIE. YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE, HONEY. THOSE BASTARDS AREN'T GOING TO HURT YOU AGAIN. *I'M* HERE TO LOOK AFTER YOU NOW, SWEETHEART.

NOTHING BAD'S GOING TO HAPPEN EVER AGAIN.

G-GOD, IT HURRRRTS!

STOP MOANING! YOU ONLY HAVE YOURSELF TO BLAME FOR BEING IMMUNE TO RELIGIOUS ICONOGRAPHY.

BEFORE YOU LAPSE INTO EXTINCTION, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW YOUR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE ORDER HAVE BEEN A COMPLETE AND UTTER FAILURE.

OUR GLOBAL TAKEOVER IS RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.

VAMPIRELLA, WAKE UP!

WAKE UP!

DIXIE?

OH GOD, DIXIE.

I'M COMING, BABY. I'M COMING.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE SHOULD EXTEND INTO *FARMING?*

WHY NOT? HUNTING IS SO UNCIVILIZED. WE HAVE TO BECOME MORE BUSINESS-LIKE IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE *UNITED STATES* ON SCHEDULE.

OUR *EUROPEAN* PARTNERS ARE MILES AHEAD OF US.

THESE OLD MAFIA SAFE-HOUSES ARE WHERE WE PLAN TO KEEP THE HUMAN COWS.

THEY'RE SMALL AND BASIC, BUT ADEQUATE FOR BREEDING.

ANY TROUBLE FROM THE NUNS?

THE *SISTERHOOD?* NOT YET, BUT I'M SURE IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE VATICAN SENDS THEM OVER TO DESTABILIZE OUR NORTH AMERICAN EFFORTS.

BESIDES, THEY'RE NOWHERE NEAR THE ANTI-VAMPIRE FORCE THEY WERE SINCE WE INFILTRATED THEIR RANKS AND HALVED THEIR NUMBERS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

VON KREIST CAN DEAL WITH ANYTHING THEY'RE CAPABLE OF HITTING US WITH...

"...ESPECIALLY SINCE VAMPIRELLA IS *DEAD* AND *BURIED.*"

THAT WAS A CHEMICAL WEAPON.

A GODDAMN CHEMICAL WEAPON.

SOMETIMES I EVEN AMAZE MYSELF.

HEY, WATER-MELONS! DIG THE CLEAVAGE!

ELVIRA?

WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?

KRAK!

THAT'S VAMPIRELLA, MORON!

OH, BABY.

I'M IN LOVE.

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WHY, THANK YOU, DIXIE. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED.

OKAY, LESBIAN INCEST STUFF TAKEN CARE OF. WHAT CAN WE DO NOW, MM? FORCE YOU TO DRINK MY TAINTED BLOOD AND MAKE YOU A VAMPIRE JUST LIKE ME?

FOR GOD'S SAKE, PIXIE! WE'RE SISTERS!

SORRY, DARLING. NOT **ANYMORE.**

PROVE IT.

THEY SAY BLOOD'S THICKER THAN WATER. PROVE IT.

SAME OLD VON KREIST.

ALWAYS GOOD FOR A LAUGH.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

WHO CARES?

BLOW HER GODDAMN HEAD OFF!

I WAS ALWAYS DADDY'S FAVORITE, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WORKED AT SCHOOL. I WAS THE ONE HE USED TO TELL HIS FRIENDS ABOUT AND YOU KNEW IT.

THE PROBLEM WAS THAT YOU JUST REMINDED HIM A LITTLE TOO MUCH OF HIMSELF SOMETIMES, DIXIE.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT...

VROOOOM

KRIIISHH

JESUS CHRIST!

SPEAKING OF WHICH.

HERE HE COMES.

GAAHH!

GAH!

SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BOYS.

CHOKT

PENTHOUSE APARTMENT, PLEASE.

Y-YES, MA'AM...

AND HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY WHEN I'M GONE, YOU BASTARDS!

ARMED

YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT NOW, PIXIE.

SHLUP

ON THE CONTRARY, DARLING...

&%$* YOU!

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

DIXIE!

NO MORE GAMES, NO MORE CLEVER SCENARIOS.

JUST YOU, ME, AND THE HUNTING KNIFE.

& %$* YOU, VON KREIST!

A-HEM!--

PLUS ONE OR TWO WOODEN STAKES.

VAMPIRELLA!

I'VE JUST SENT ENOUGH EXPLOSIVES DOWN TO THE BASEMENT TO DEMOLISH THIS ENTIRE SHOW.

GIVE ME THE GIRL OR I PRESS THE DETONATOR.

SERIOUSLY.

WELL, *THIS* IS INTERESTING.

ANY VAMPIRE CAN RECOVER FROM A KNIFE OR BULLET WOUND, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE'S PULLED BACK FROM WHERE WE SENT YOU, VAMPIRELLA.

THE SECRETS YOU'RE HIDING IN YOUR BLOOD COULD MAKE OUR ORGANIZATION INDESTRUCTIBLE. WE'D NEVER FEAR THE CROSS AGAIN IF YOU JOINED OUR RANKS.

THE ORDER IS INTERNATIONAL. WE'RE TAKING CONTROL IN PLACES YOU WOULDN'T IMAGINE. A RED RAIN IS COMING, AND YOU'RE EITHER WITH US, OR AGAINST US, VAMPIRELLA.

EVERYBODY STAND BACK.

THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND VAMPIRELLA NOW!

DOES THIS ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

GET THE HELL OUT OF MY WAY!

YOU REALLY *ARE* SPECIAL.

GARLIC, CRUCIFIXES, SUNLIGHT... WHY DON'T THESE THINGS HURT YOU THE WAY THEY HURT THE REST OF US?

WHAT IS IT GOING TO BE?

PSYCHIC DUEL.

NO TIME FOR GAMES, SCUMBAG.

THERE'S A BOMB IN THE BUILDING.

PESARO'S DOWN.

SHE JUST SHOT PESARO.

RELAX. YOU'RE JOINING HIM IN TWO SECONDS.

HOLD ON TIGHT, DIXIE.

KRIIIIISH

KLIK

AWESOME.

WELL, WE DID IT, HUH? WE BEAT THE BAD GUYS, WIPED OUT THEIR EAST COAST OPERATION, AND TOOK OUT THE AMERICAN HEADS OF THE VAMPIRE CULT.

I JUST WISH I FELT HAPPY ABOUT IT.

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR SISTER, DIXIE.

IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, THAT WASN'T HER YOU SAW DIE TONIGHT. YOUR *REAL* SISTER DIED THE MINUTE THOSE SCUMBAGS RIPPED THE THROAT FROM HER NECK.

UH, THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A CONSOLATION, VAMPI.

I CAN'T FEEL SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE EITHER. WE'VE BLOWN A HOLE IN THEIR PLANS FOR A WHILE, BUT THE VAMPIRES WILL JUST RE-GROUP AND COME AFTER US.

WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE, ANYMORE.

WE NEED *HELP!*

OH, GOD-- PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME...

CHOOM

Buffy
fire slayer

ALL THAT EFFORT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HUDSON RIVER-- JUST TO BE INFECTED WITH THE CHEMICAL WEAPON AGAIN.

WELL DONE DIXIE. THERE'S A GOOD GIRL.

OUR SUPERIORS MIGHT BE PLACATED IF WE RETURN FROM THIS DEBACLE WITH SOME KIND OF PRIZE...

...WE'LL GIVE THEM VAMPIRELLA.

THINK WHAT THEY'LL LEARN WHEN THEY TAKE HER APART.

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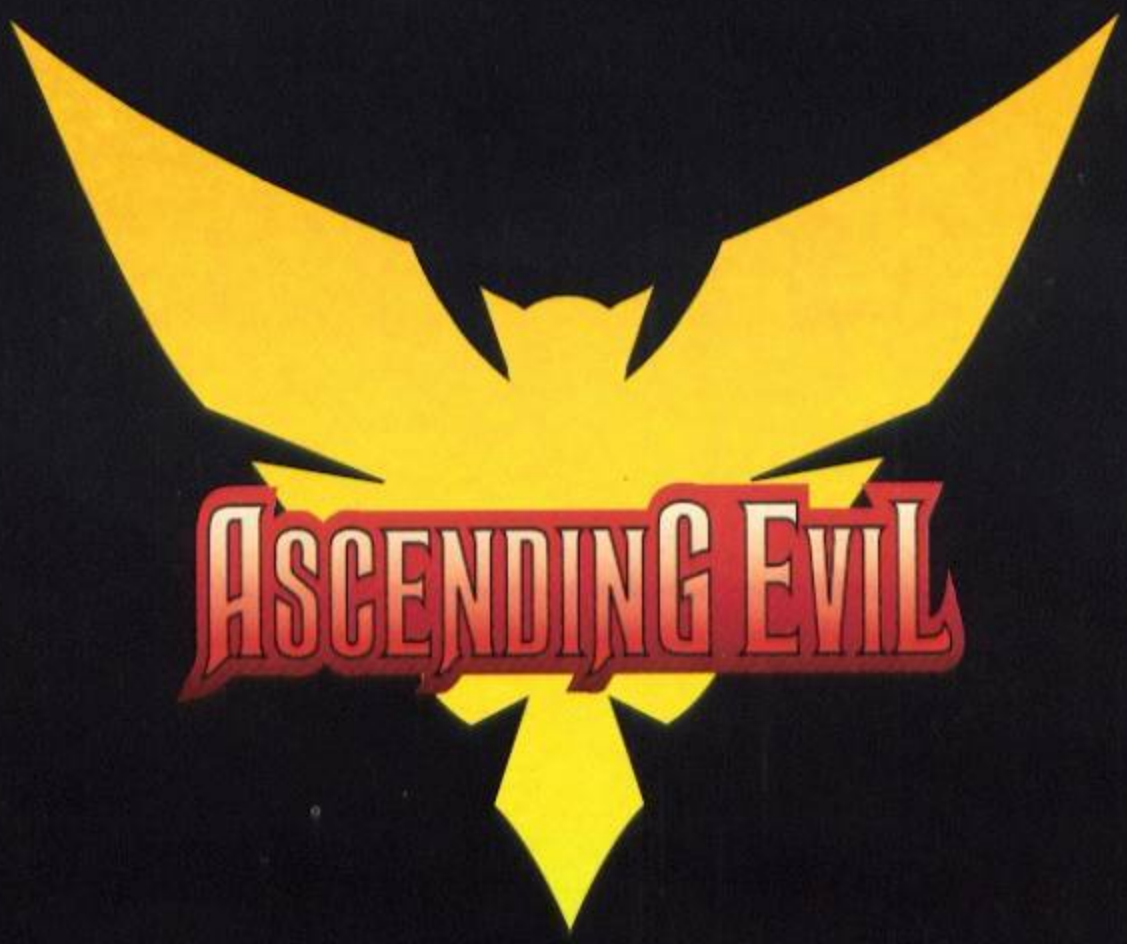

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